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BROADCASTS OF SAFETY INFORMATION IN THE DOVER STRATT

- 1. At its thirty-fourth session the Maritime Safety Committee approved a Recommendation on listening to VHF broadcasts of safety information by the French and British Channel Navigation Information Services.
- 2. At the request of the Committee (MSC XXXIV/18, paragraph 49), the attached Recommendation is brought to the attention of all Member Governments.

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- 3. At present, the information is broadcast as follows:
 - (a) regular hourly bulletins:
 - on channel 11, in English and French, at 20 and 50 minutes past the hour; and if visibility is less than 1 nautical mile, at 05, 20, 35 and 50 minutes past the hour;
 - on channel 10, in English, at 10 and 40 minutes past the hour; and if visibility is less than 1 nautical mile, at 10, 25, 40 and 55 minutes past the hour;
 - (b) occasional bulletins in case of need, transmitted on channels 10 and 11 after an announcement on channel 16.

RECOMMENDATION ON VHF BROADCASTS OF SAFETY INFORMATION IN THE DOVER STRAIT

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECOGNIZING the density of traffic and special navigating conditions prevailing in the Dover Strait,

NOTING that British and French operational centres have been established to disseminate information concerning traffic, navigation and visibility conditions in the Dover Strait and that details thereof have been promulgated in navigational publications,

RECOMMENDS that Governments draw to the attention of shipowners and seafarers the importance of listening to the appropriate VHP broadcasts by the Channel Navigation Information Services.

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